

DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

I. Definitions

COMMUNICATIONS MODERATOR – The Bureau of Homeland Security Haz Mat Duty Officer initially contacted from StateComm by pager. The Communications Moderator will evaluate available information, consult with bridge participants and classify the incident to determine the required notification category as per the Initial Notification Procedure (page iv) and will moderate any conference calls made during the incident. The Communications Moderator, in coordination with the Incident Commander may request on-scene response by an Idaho Hazardous Materials Regional Response Team, DOE radiological assistance program (RAP), adjacent state emergency response team, or other emergency response resources. If requirements for technical evaluation and assistance require the full attention of the communications moderator, he or she may delegate facilitation of the communication process to the Communication Specialist. The Communications Moderator (BHS Haz Mat Duty Officer) must have training at least to the Hazardous Materials Operations Level.

EMERGENCY DUTY ROSTER - A current list of state agency personnel trained and available for hazardous materials emergency response support. The roster shall be developed and regularly updated by all participating agencies, shall briefly describe response capabilities, and shall provide for 24-hour response within each agency's area of expertise. The roster and updates shall be provided to StateComm.

EMERGENCY RESPONDER - Person affiliated with an emergency response agency who is dispatched to the scene upon notification of a hazardous materials incident. Emergency responders may be local, state, federal, or industry personnel who have received appropriate hazardous materials training.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING COMMITTEE - Committee of signatory agency representatives responsible for approval of any Idaho Hazardous Materials Incident Command and Response Support Plan update.

ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR - Person responsible for coordinating and directing environmental support personnel actions at the scene.

ENVIRONMENTAL LIAISON - An on-call DEQ environmental representative will receive the initial call from State Comm to assist the Incident Commander. The Environmental Liaison may go to the incident scene at the request of the Incident Commander if the incident is in his/her region.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL - Persons who are available for the oversight of assessment, monitoring, and documentation to facilitate containment, cleanup and/or possible enforcement actions.

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL - Any element, compound, or substance that may present a substantial threat to people, wildlife or the environment if released. Hazardous materials referred to in this plan include products or wastes and may be further classified as chemical, biological, radiological, or explosive substances including petroleum products, radiation sources, radioactive wastes and hazardous wastes.

IDAHO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAMS- Hazardous material emergency response teams which are fully trained and equipped to respond to hazardous materials incidents. The Idaho Hazardous Materials Regional Response Teams are designated by the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security.

INCIDENT - An event that results in the release or potential release of a hazardous material to the environment. This may include either transportation or fixed location spills, leaks, or accidents involving hazardous materials. Incidents will be classified by the Communications Moderator using one of the following:

Regulatory – A release of a Reportable Quantity or less of regulated hazardous materials that does not require any emergency response on the part of public or private sector responders. A weapons of mass destruction threat or suspicion that is clearly a hoax without requiring additional analysis.

Level 1 – An incident involving any response, public or private, to an incident involving hazardous materials that can be contained, extinguished, and/or abated using resources immediately available to the responders having jurisdiction. A weapons of mass destruction threat or suspicion that requires local response to determine whether or not it is life threatening. A Level 1 incident presents little risk to the environment and/or public health with containment and clean up.

Level 2 – An incident involving hazardous materials that is beyond the capabilities of the first responders on the scene, and may be beyond the capabilities of the public sector response agency having jurisdiction. Level 2 incidents may require the services of a State of Idaho Regional Response Team, or other state/federal assistance. A weapons of mass destruction threat or incident that involves explosives, release of toxic material, release of radioactive material or release of organisms that can be analyzed and stabilized using resources that exist within the State of Idaho. This level may pose immediate and/or long-term risk to the environment and/or public health and could result in a local declaration of disaster.

Level 3 – An incident involving weapons of mass destruction/hazardous materials that will require multiple State of Idaho Regional Response Teams and other resources that do not exist within the State of Idaho. These incidents may require resources from state and federal agencies and/or private industry. Level 3 incidents generally pose extreme, immediate and/or long-term risk to the environment and/or public health.

INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM - The Incident Command System was designed so that agencies can work together effectively during an emergency response. The system provides a structure for controlling personnel, facilities, equipment and communications. The Incident Command System can be established and expanded to Unified Command depending upon the changing conditions of an incident. Refer to Page 6-1 for an overview of the Incident Command System.

INCIDENT COMMAND/COMMANDER - The designated emergency response officer or official responding to an incident. This person must be fully trained and knowledgeable in the Incident Command System. Normally the Incident Commander will be the local fire chief or law enforcement officer. A local jurisdiction, based on its local plan and resource assessment, may request that Idaho State Police assume incident command, particularly for incidents on interstate, U.S., and state numbered routes, including rights-of-way. The Incident Commander shall be in overall charge of all efforts at the scene.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR (LEC), appointed by the Incident Commander, is responsible for assisting and coordinating law enforcement issues with the local jurisdictions and the FBI. The LEC will be responsible to coordinate crime scene control, evidence, witness information, and other associated crime scene actions as would be appropriate. The LEC will normally come from Idaho State Police Investigations. When the FBI arrives on scene the LEC will work with them and continue to coordinate the law enforcement activities between all jurisdictions.

LIAISON OFFICER - The Liaison Officer is a member of the Incident Command Staff and is the point of contact for assisting and coordinating agency representatives. The Communications Moderator should contact the Liaison

Officer for information on the incident. The Communications Moderator and members of State Agencies that participate in a Bridge call should be speaking to the IC Liaison Officer.

LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE AUTHORITY (LERA) - Persons designated under section 39-7105, Idaho Code, by the city, or county to be first responders to hazardous substance incidents.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) - A committee made up of local officials, citizens, and industry representatives charged with development and maintenance of emergency response plans for the local emergency planning district as per EPCRA requirements. Planning procedures include hazardous materials inventories, compilation and coordination of fixed facility emergency response plans, hazardous material response training, and assessment of local response capabilities.

NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)- NIMS is a system mandated by Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 5 that provides a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, local and tribal governments; the private-sector and nongovernmental organizations to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity. To provide for interoperability and compatibility among federal, state, local and tribal capabilities, the NIMS includes a core set of concepts, principles, and terminology. HSPD-5 identifies these as the ICS; multi-agency coordination systems; training; identification and management of resources (including systems for classifying types of resources); qualification and certification; and the collection, tracking, and reporting of incident information and incident resources.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER - The on-site person responsible for the transfer of information to other agencies, the public, and/or the news media during the response phase of an incident. The Public Information Officer shall be the Incident Commander or a designee of the Incident Commander.

RADIATION CONTROL OFFICER - Person responsible for coordinating and assisting environmental support team actions involving response to radiation, radioactive materials or radioactive waste. This person will be the INL Oversight Program health physicist or designee. The Radiation Control Officer should have emergency response knowledge and training to include the Incident Command System, as well as specialized knowledge and experience in the use, identification, monitoring and control of radiation sources, radioactive materials, and radioactive waste.

RESPONSE ACTION CONTRACTOR - Environmental cleanup contractor or industrial response team hired by the responsible party or EPA to clean up and/or contain a hazardous material release.

RESPONSIBLE PARTY - The owner, user, site operator, shipping agent or others having custody of hazardous materials as defined in this section. This includes property or facility owners where hazardous materials have been spilled or released to the environment and/or where hazardous materials may present a threat to public health or the environment.

STATE COMM - IDAHO STATE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER - The communications center for State hazardous materials/WMD emergency response. StateComm can be reached by calling **1-800-632-8000 or 208-846-7610. Notification of StateComm is the first step in initiating the Idaho Hazardous Materials Incident Command and Response Support Plan.**

STATE ON-SCENE COORDINATOR (SOSC) – To ensure coordination during a significant incident, the State of Idaho and the EPA will provide an On-Scene-Coordinator to facilitate the formation of a unified command, and coordinate the on-scene response. The Idaho OSC will be appointed by the Adjutant General and will be the state's principal federal liaison on tactical matters.

TRANSPORTATION ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR - The person responsible for the collection of appropriate investigation information for the support of possible civil and/or criminal procedures. The Transportation Enforcement Coordinator shall have the training and authority to enforce the motor carrier regulations, and should be from the ranks of the Idaho State Police for incidents on interstate, U.S., and state numbered routes, including rights-of-way.

WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION – Any destructive device or weapon intended to cause death or serious bodily injury. This includes the release, dissemination, or impact of toxic or poisonous chemicals, or their precursors; any weapon involving a disease organism; or any weapon designed to release radiation or radioactivity at a level dangerous to human life.

II. Acronyms

NOTE: Acronyms are used sparingly in this document to reduce confusion over terms. This short list is provided for the readers' convenience.

BHS –	Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security
BLM –	Bureau of Land Management
CDRH -	Center for Devices and Radiological Health, USDHHS
CFR -	Code of Federal Regulations
CHEMTREC -	Chemical Manufacturers Assoc. Chemical Transportation Emergency Center
CST -	101 st Civil Support Team
CVS –	Commercial Vehicle Safety
DEQ -	Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
DHD -	District Health Department
DOE -	U.S. Department of Energy
DOI -	U.S. Department of Interior
DOT -	U.S. Department of Transportation
EC -	Environmental Coordinator
EMS -	Idaho Emergency Medical Services
EOC -	Emergency Operations Center
EPA -	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
EPCRA –	Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act
ICS -	Incident Command System
IDHW -	Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
IFFO -	Idaho Falls Field Office
INEEL-OP	(State) - INEEL Oversight Program
IDWR -	Idaho Department of Water Resources
INL -	Idaho National Laboratory
ISP -	Idaho State Police
ITD -	Idaho Transportation Department
LEPC -	Local Emergency Planning Committee
LER -	Local Emergency Response Authority
MCSAP -	Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program
NIMS -	National Incident Management System
OP -	INL Oversight Program
OSC -	On Scene Coordinator
PUC -	Idaho Public Utilities Commission
RAP -	DOE Radiological Assistance Program
REO -	Regional Environmental Officer
RIC -	Resource Information Committee
RRT -	Regional Response Team
SARA -	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986
SERC -	State Emergency Response Commission
TEC -	Transportation Enforcement Coordinator
USDA -	United States Department of Agriculture
USDHHS -	United States Department of Health and Human Services
USFS -	United States Forest Service
WCC -	Warning Communication Center, Department of Energy, Idaho Falls
WMD -	Weapons of Mass Destruction